



MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

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FROM YOUR COMMODORE

Greetings All,

It is hard believe that January has already zoomed past us. I guess with all of the happenings at the club and home, I must truly agree that time does fly when you are having fun!

On the home front, everything is great even if the sleep is not! Elijah Daniel Schmidt became our newest addition to our family on December 29th at 0200. His stats were 6 lbs. 13 oz. @ 19.5" long. If he was a halibut I would throw him back, but we have decided that this one is a keeper! Nia has recovered quickly and John Paul enjoyed showing him the ropes on our first overnighter aboard *Jovita*.

Business around the club has been brisk. The Budget Committee met and drafted a preliminary budget, which was presented at the January Board Meeting. We will be meeting again prior to presenting the final draft for approval at the February Meeting.

I am happy to say that our committee chairs are already off and running. On the Social side of the club Joni Wells is already organizing Opening Day and is locking in details for the Commodores Ball in November. Talking about planning ahead!

Port Captain Jim Phillips has been busy tending to the boating facilities and making plans for our upcoming mooring overhaul; All this while trying to accommodate as many members and guests as possible on a very limited space.

Bar Steward Bill Austin has been busy auditing our bar selection and number crunching our prices. Bill is truly an expert when it comes to bars.... I mean Bar Stewarding! He is committed to getting us the highest quality spirits at the most reasonable price while still keeping the bar in the black. That's a tough order to fill, but Bill is well on the way.

Junior Advisor Angela Soll is again energetically promoting the Junior Yacht Club. She is not only coordinating events for our younger members, but she is actively looking for creative ways to raise funds to help these Juniors finance their activities. Thank you Angela for your efforts and creativity.

It brings me great pleasure to report that I have run out of room to publicize all the work and planning that is happening at our club. I assure that the above just scratches the surface and I will have more than enough to report on next month.

I hate to end this article on a negative note, but as most of you know January was also a very sad month for the MBYC Family. MBYC lost three of our beloved members, Staff Commodore Bill Ullum, Joyce Cotton and Janet Elliott. These individuals will be greatly missed, and on behalf of the Board of Directors and all members of Morro Bay Yacht Club, our thoughts and prayers go out to each of these families during this time of need.

Respectfully,
John Schmidt, Commodore



Thanks for the great photos! —

Wayne Ratliff: pg 3, Howard Grisham: pg. 3,



Editor's Note: Submissions to the *Masthead* are due by the 21st of each month. You may e-mail your written material or digital photos to mbyc@mbyc.net or to Barbara Earl

All submissions are subject to editing for content and space.

We love your articles and photos! YOU make the Masthead wonderful! Thanks to all who contribute!

HAPPY HOUR HOSTS

REMEMBER! In order for us to keep our liquor license, non-members are **NOT ALLOWED** behind the bar and all guests must sign the guest book located at the end of the bar.

If you have questions about the operation of the bar, contact our Bar Steward, Bill Austin.

If this is your first HOST ASSIGNMENT, contact the couple assigned with you and they will show you the ropes.

If unable to attend, it is your RESPONSIBILITY to find a replacement. Perhaps you could trade with someone else on the Host List.

The club will furnish paper products and plastic ware for Host Night. Hosts tend bar from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. AND serve snacks at 6:00 p.m. till 7:30 p.m.

If you make a change, please let Polly know:

February 2008

- 1 Jack and Barbara Keely
- Jack and Barbara Barrett
- 8 Carol Valley and Clayton Schmidt
- Jeff and Kathie Davidson
- 15 Hal and Carol Carden
- Larry and Barbara Earl
- Skip Dyke
- 22 Paul and Michelle Dunn
- John and Judy Michener
- 29 Randy and Faye Zeeb
- Charles and Laura McCarren

March 2008

- 7 Jeff and Karen Cederberg
- Gary and Joyce Granneman
- 14 John and Jan Neiswanger
- Jon Reiter and Suzanne Biely
- 21 Wayne and Glen Ratliff
- Fred Novy
- Nancy Craig
- 28 Pat and Dot Rygh
- Thordis Seager
- Kay Milligan

April 2008

- 4 Tom and Gail Spencer
- Gail Condon and Kevin Williams
- Ralph Wessel
- 11 Peter and Anita Rothenbuecher
- Max and Helen Sicher
- Tom and Sherrie Haynie
- 18 Russ and Sally Williams
- Peter and Jeanette Wolfe
- 25 Candy Botich and Kevin O'Day
- Jim and Roberta Brose

— Polly Schneider

FROM THE PORT CAPTAIN'S DOCK



It has been a busy month so far for the Port Captain and will probably continue to be so as I attempt to get a handle on the job. Thoma Electric responded quickly to my call reporting a grounding problem on the dock, and later, reported to me that all had been repaired. Warren Thomas was called to relocate Mooring #16 which had been pulled from its original location and Greg Larson's boat "Jake" was moved to Mooring #12 until #16 was relocated. All boats seemed to ride out the January storm without difficulty but some dinghys still need to be dewatered and all members on a mooring should check their pendant to make sure it is in good shape and ready for any additional weather that may come our way.

I have posted a revised and updated mooring assignment sheet, and a revised mooring and boatyard waiting list for your viewing pleasure. Should any of you who are on any of these revised lists have questions please contact me. If you have a boat on one of our moorings you are required to provide me with a copy of your current boat insurance. The boat's liability insurance must be for a minimum of \$250,000 per claim, or \$500,000 per event. I await with great anticipation the receipt of these documents.

I want to thank Don Lockwood, Doug MacDonald, Lynn Meissen, and Larry Earl for volunteering to serve as assistant Port Captains for 2008.

Until next month,
Jim Phillips
Port Captain



FUN FLOAT

Friday, February 8th, 10:30 a.m.

Our Jan. trip started out with no wind and beautiful sunshine but soon as bows of our boats touched land the wind begun to howl. Needless to say being intelligent members of MBYC we beat a hasty retreat to the club where we enjoyed our lunch and discussed how brave we were in fighting the elements.



Our February float will be on Friday, Feb. 8th at 10:30. It is time to go to our annual trek to the Bayside Cafe. Remember to bring real money. Even if you don't paddle, please feel free to join us around 11:15 for a nice social lunch.

G.P.P.

FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE

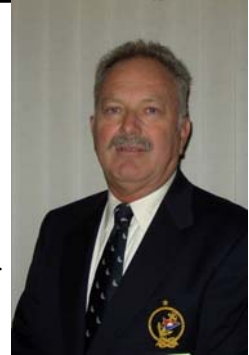
.Well the only news from my side is the hoist overhaul. You may have noticed it sitting in the boatyard. We had some nasty surprises as we took it down, the top flange bearing was mostly hydrated ferric oxide powder (in the simple language of sailors, this substance is often just called "rust"). So that the hoist's mast was riding on the pin that sticks out of the mast at the top was slowly grinding into the top plate. There was no imminent danger; it would have taken several more decades before it fell over.

The second surprise was the gearbox that rotates the hoist was broken in such a way that it is hard to understand how it worked at all. So far as I can tell, this gearbox is older than the clubhouse, so I guess we got our money's worth. Like Helen of Troy, it has launched a thousand ships.

As this is being written, the hoist structure is basking in the resort town of Madera awaiting its turn for the molten zinc tank, after sandblasting and three brief swims in caustic lye, hot acid, and flux solution. Sort of like a trip to the spa with dermabrasion, acid peel, and a sauna bath.

I shudder to think how this job would have gone without the help of Bob Kile. I think it could have been done, but it would have taken longer, been of far lower quality and costlier. Many mornings at 8 o'clock, Bob would call me and talk about hoist issues that had come to him during the night. I also especially want to thank Jim Bruzenak for his support, counsel, and being ground crew when I was up in the cherry picker. Thanks to Terry Paris and Howard Grisham who helped take the hoist down and customize the sawhorses to the hoist parts. Lots of members helped out, usually by of-

fering help as they passed through. Kevin Williams donated the use of his 20 ft. boat trailer to transport the hoist to Cal Poly and to Madera, Lex endangered his restaurant hands by helping remove the winch assembly, Rear Commodore John Michener has always been there for me (except for a family emergency), he drove the trailer to Madera, and finally, thanks to the loading crew, Dana McClish, Kent Butler, Peter Behman, and Lynn Meissen.



At the risk of sounding like an advertisement, Dewayne's Crane was incredibly easy to work with and Moore Quality Galvanizing was surprisingly accommodating as well as Central Coast Bearing in San Luis.

Hot-dip galvanizing, the broken gearbox, and weather have introduced delays in the overhaul schedule. I still have high hopes of having the hoist usable for the Feb. 3rd Bay Race, but it might be necessary to use the boat launch ramp.

Junior Staff Commodore Dana tells me that organizing work day is the hardest part of being vice commodore. I'm counting on your help and support on March 8 (March 15 alternate). In the meantime, please let me know of items in the clubhouse that need workday attention.



Wayne, Vice Commodore

Hoist Overhaul

Wayne Ratliff, Jim Bruzenak, Terry Paris, Howard Grisham



FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE

Races coming up this month for the Bay Fleet are Winter 2 on the February 2nd and Winter 3 on the 23rd. The Ocean Fleet has the Winter 2 on February 10th.

The Juniors did a very good job of running the Hangover Special race on January 1st. I was impressed with their enthusiasm. As always it was an arbitrary class race with the Lockwood's finishing in 1st place, McDonald & Monroe took 2nd and the Measures 3rd. We didn't have any other bay races in January as work progresses on the hoist.

The Ocean Fleet started off the season with the Winter 1 on January 20th. Peter Behman, the new Ocean Fleet Captain, did a great job and deserves credit for getting 6 Ocean Fleet boats to come out for the race. Kevin Williams also sailed along with the fleet in his Aussie 18 skiff. I am going to leave it to Peter to give the race results in his column for the Ocean Fleet.

Special thanks to Dot Rygh for making new course marker flags for most of the bay race course markers. They are now installed on the course markers thanks to Pat Rygh and Don Lockwood. I was a little sidetracked in January and have not put the MBYC Buoy in place yet.

Some people have already signed up to PRO bay races. We still need more volunteers. The Bay race signup schedule is posted in the case beneath the club stairway for Bay Fleet PRO's and there is a list for people who are available for race committee. If a Bay Fleet boat does not sail in one series race because skipper/crew are on the race committee, the average of the boat's score in the other 2 races of the series will be used for the race missed. So missing a race to work on the race committee will not keep you from being able to win a trophy for any series.

I encourage Ocean Fleet people to also get involved by volunteering to work on the race committee for bay races. The Bay Fleet can in turn help the Ocean Fleet by volunteering to crew on the Ocean Fleet boats. If you would like to get involved and help out please email me.

R.C. John Michener



Ocean Fleet News

Ahoy Mates,

After an exhaustive international search of numerous waterfront watering holes and other nameless establishments the fine minds of the Morro Bay Yacht Club assembled a small group of volunteers from whom they would select the 2008 Ocean Fleet Captain. This select group consisted of one person, myself. Good Luck.

Having participated occasionally in the MBYC's ocean race program it's obvious that what the program lacks is participation. If you have ideas and recommendations on how we can improve participation and entice some of those boats and owners that are lying idle here in Morro Bay, please forward your ideas.

If you know of potential participants; boat owners or crew, members or non-members, experienced or not so experienced, please forward a name, boat info or crew info and an email address to me, and I will see that they are kept apprised of the Ocean Fleet race schedule and other activities. Just a reminder, boats participating in an Ocean Fleet race are entitled to two free days and nights on the club docks the day before and after a scheduled race.

And so 2008's first Ocean Race, the Winter One was Sunday January 20th. We had a nice six boat turnout for the debut race of the season; all boats finished the 11.32 mile course, in mostly fresh breeze conditions. The boats placing with corrected time in the race were Lynn Meissen's *Guayacan* in 3rd place, Wayne Ratliff's *Voyager II* in 2nd place, and Ron May's *Whizbang* finishing in the number one slot.

All the best to you and yours for the New Year,
Peter Behman
s/v *Kiskedee*



Membership News

Here's February,

Thanks to the many of you who have taken the time to send revised information to your membership chairmen. We love you. But, it is not too late for the rest of you to send in your forms and earn our love and gratitude. Also, if you haven't paid your dues, and want to be in the 2008 roster, you must do that by **February 29, 2008**. In fact, if you want to be a member in good standing, you must pay your dues by **February 29, 2008**. (If you apply on February 30, 2008, you'll be too late. In fact, you'll be in the wrong year.) Little humor there.

Now is the time to apply for **life membership** in the Club. If you're 65 years old and have been a member for 25 years you are eligible. You need to apply, in writing, by **February 29** so your application can be voted on at the general meeting in April.

A little change in sponsor's rules: Starting the first of January, there will be a primary sponsor and a secondary sponsor. The primary sponsor will be given a sponsorship packet with everything in it the prospective members needs and also include sponsor information sheet and sponsor application to be given to the secondary sponsor. Remember the word "sponsor" means "one who assumes responsibility for another and support for that person." It is important when you commit to this responsibility. Last year's sponsors did a good job. Let's keep up the high caliber work.



Bill & Peggy Sanders, Membership

People News

New E mails: **Bruce & Lois Masterson, Steve & Tammy Hendricks, Kenton Hendricks, Victor & Francoise Negro.**

A new boat at the club! David & Karen Prewett's new catamaran, KATABATIC, arrived at 10 AM on January 21, 2008. Congratulations and happy sailing. It's a beautiful boat.



The Bay Fleet Party

The Bay Fleet Party in Dec. was a nice relaxing evening of fun. We all owe our THANKS to those who made it a tasty dinner AND donated the food, making it a monetary success also.

Cheryl Gould made a great Caesar salad,

Ed Stevens brought the perfect bread,

Liz Salas brought the cake for Larry's birthday.

Thanks so much.

Kit



MORRO BAY JUNIOR YACHT CLUB

It looks like we are going to have a very busy and fun-filled sailing schedule this year. We had a total of 16 junior members who renewed their membership and three brand new members who are just starting out in our program. I would like to personally welcome our newest members: Amanda Ravers, Molly Summers, and Kar-rissa Mattimoe. Please feel free to ask questions, make mistakes and have a great time!

I know that several people were out of town, ill or just could not come due to other commitments so please let me know if you need a schedule or application. I am in the process of making our web page on the MBYC website more user friendly so look for updates periodically. My goal this year is to be able to communicate through email instead of phone calls, which sometimes can take several hours in a day. Of course, I will call you if that is the preferred method of communication.

Congratulations to Rory McClish who is our 2008 Junior Commodore. Way to go Rory! I know he will do a great job. The other officers will be picked and announced in the next few weeks.

Lastly, please, please, please remember to bring WARM clothes. This is now Polar Bear sailing folks!! Caps, hats, sunglasses, and windbreakers are strongly recommended. If you are looking for Opti gear for the sailor in the family there is a wonderful website: Miamiptimoms.com, which has great prices on rash guards, shorts, pants and shirts.

Please feel free to call me if you have questions, suggestions, or ideas to make our program even better than it already is!

I look forward to a great year.

Angela Soll, Junior Advisor



Janet Elliott Will Be Missed

In January, 2007, **feisty, faithful, and funny loving JANET ELLIOTT** took her leave of this life. We will miss her experience and willingness to share her Yacht Club knowledge. Her daughter is planning a memorial service to be held at the Yacht Club. **Memorial gifts** can be made to the following:
Marian Medical Foundation (hospice), 1400 E. Church, Santa Maria, CA 93454; Sea Garden, 923 Highland, Los Osos 93402, or the Morro Bay Yacht Club.

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Now Hear This

From your Board of Directors

The budget committee is working on the final budget to present to the Board for their approval at the February meeting.

Please date all charges you make at the Club, so when you have questions we will have the information to give you. If you don't date it you still must pay it! Dates on statements are the posting date not the day of service. Bar tabs are calculated and a total posted once a month.



Reminder to members to sign-in for dock use. Please print clearly and remember dates are important.

Proof of current liability insurance for boats on club moorings are due.



Member of MBYC Passes: Joyce Cotton



January saddens us with another passing of a valuable person and equally valuable Yacht Club member, **Joyce Cotton**. Joyce recently sold her Columbia 41, "Austral" and now makes her life on another sea. Smooth sailing Joyce. For those who wish to send cards and condolences to Joyce's sons, they are Earyl and Matt Cotton.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



February 3rd
Superbowl Party
Kick Off 3:00 p.m.



February 8th
Fun Float
10:30 a.m.



February 8th
Activities Meeting
5:00 p.m.



February 14th
Board Meeting
6 pm.



February 15th
Last Chance Raffle



February 17th
Bay Cruise



February 21st
Masthead Deadline

Social Committee

Looks like it's going to be a great Superbowl on February 3rd. Kick off is 3:00 pm but come earlier to enjoy the food fest. Wear your team colors! Don't forget that Valentines Day is February 14th. But just in case you happen to get yourself in the doghouse, for whatever reason, we will be having a "Last Chance Raffle" during Friday's happy hour on the 15th. Buy a raffle ticket to win a gift basket for your sweetie or treat yourself! The next activities meeting will be February 8th at 5:00pm.

Hope to see you there —Joni



BAY CRUISES: All types of floating craft are invited. The dates are set for 2008 boating for fun on the bay. The dates are on the MBYC calendar, the MBYC activity/race schedule, and listed below. Put all eight on your calendar now. They are going to be even more fun than the 2007 bay cruises.

Looking forward to seeing you on the water.
Susan Wiley

BAY CRUISE 2008 SCHEDULE:

Bring picnic in the boat food, Boat in the water and ready to leave the dock by 11:30 a.m.

- Sunday, February 17th—low low (minus) tide fun & games
- Saturday April 5th--10:14 am 4.6' high tide; 4:04 pm 0.5' low tide
- Sunday May 4th--10.17 am 3.9' high tide; 3:20 pm 1.4' low tide
- Sunday June 1st--9:25 am 3.5' high tide; 1:58 pm 1.9' low tide; 8:25 pm 6.4' high tide
- Sunday July 20th--6:20 am -0.5' low tide; 1:03 pm 4.1' high tide; 5:48 pm 2.5' low tide
- Saturday August 30th--10:49 am 4.9' high tide; 4:19 pm 1.5' low tide
- Sunday September 28th--10:04 am 5.4' high tide; 4:15 pm 0.7' low tide



Staff Commodore Bill Ullum Passes Away

MBYC's 1999 Staff Commodore passed away this January.

Our condolences go out to his family and friends. He will be missed.



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February 2008



Ocean Races Start: 12:00 NOON
 Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM



Bay Races Start: 11:00 AM
 Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM

Friday Happy Hour Hosts Serve Snacks and Tend Bar from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Tidelands Volunteers —
February - 1: Bud and Janice Moore; 4: Freddie Fernandez and Ralph Wessel; 6: Bob Pyeatt; 8: Rosemary Jorgens and Carolyn Pye; 11: John and Frances Budlong; 13: Bob and Judy Salamacha; 15: Blaine and Maralee Parkin; 18: Kevin Williams; 20: Ken Ward; 22: Tom Haynie and Ad Smulders; 25: Tim and Karen Clinton; 27: Harold Hartsell; 29: Lee and Sue Drocco. Alternates: Dick and Charlene Evans and Lynn Meissen *March* 3: Freddie Fernandez and Ralph Wessel; 5: Bob and Judy Salamacha; 7: Bob Pyeatt; 10: Rosemary Jorgens and Carolyn Pye; 12: Kevin Williams; 14: Tom Haynie and Ad Smulders; 17: John and Frances Budlong; 19: Ken Ward; 21: Bud and Janice Moore; 24: Blaine and Maralee Parkin; 26: Lee and Sue Drocco; 31: Jim and Karen Clinton. Alternatives: Dick and Charlene Evans and Gail Condon.

3 Junior Superbowl Party 3pm	4	5	6	7 Hosts: Jeff and Kate Banks or Carol Vailky and Clayton Sohmitt Fun Float	8 Hosts: Hal and Carol Carole, Larry and Barbara Earl, Skip Dyke Last Chance Raffle	9 Bay Fleet—Winter 2 Happy Groundhog's Day!
10 Bay Fleet —SLC at Lopez Ocean Fleet—Winter 2 	11	12	13 Board Meeting 6:00 PM Happy Valentine's Day!	14 Hosts: Judy and Joe Meyer, Pat and Michelle Ditt Masthead Deadline	15 Hosts: Randy and Faye Zeeb, Clark and Lara Mccaire 	16 Bay Fleet—Winter 3
17 Bay Cruise 	18	19	20	21 Hosts: Jack and Barbara Keely, Jack and Barbara Barrett 	22 Hosts: Rosemary Jorgens and Carolyn Pye 	23 Bay Fleet—Winter 3
24 Ocean Fleet—Winter 3 Juniors 	25	26	27	28	29 Hosts: Rosemary Jorgens and Carolyn Pye 	30 Bay Fleet—Winter 3

